declaring that question hour is over. These questions being held over, every member must have the right to ask supplementary and under special circumstances even if it takes three hours, you have to provide for it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have heard the arguments of the hon. Member Sri Nanje Gowda and the hon. Member Sri M. Nagappa. It is a very important point and I would like to consider more carefully and give my ruling. In case I uphold the point, these questions will be put down again in the agenda for reply.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Illtreatment of Harijans in Mangalur Village, Yelburga Taluk

Sriyuths :

5. H. N. NANJE GOWA (Arkalgud).—
M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—
M. H. JAYAPRAKSH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—
S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government is aware of the fact that last week in Mangalur village, Taluk Yelburga, District Raichur, the Harjans were charged Rs. 5 for a cup of coffee as fine for entering a hotel in that village ;

(*b*) whether Government has taken any action on the persons who have practised 'Untouchability' at the public place according to law ;

(*c*) if so, the action taken ;

(*d*) the name of the Hotel and whether that hotel is managed after taking licence ;

(*e*) the names of Harijans who even after paying five rupees, were rediculed by throwing cowdung water on them ;

(*f*) whether Harijans of Mangalur village have sent application to the Chief Minister and Deputy Social Welfare Minister for protection of their life and property ;

(*g*) if so, the protection provided by the Police or the Social Welfare Department ?

Sri MANIKRAO PATIL (Deputy Minister for Home).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A criminal case has been registered under Section 4 of the Untouchability Act in addition to the case in Crime No. 27/70/u/s 147/149/323/325/IPC. Both the cases are under investigation.

(*d*) 'Laxmi Nivas'. This has a Licence issued by the Local Panchayat.

(*e*)—

Sriyuths :

1. Yellappa
2. Fakirappa
3. Ramaswamy
4. Virupakshappa

The allegation that they paid Rs. 5 for a cup of coffee is reported to be not proved.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Special police bandobust has been made by deputing special staff. A Peace Committee has been formed to ensure maintenance of law and order.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎನ್. ನಂಜೇಗೌಡ.—(ಎ) ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ 'ನೊ' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. (ಬ) ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ 'ಯಸ್' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರವ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಾರದೆ ಕ್ರಮ ಹೇಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡರು? ಯಾವುದರ ಮೇಲೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ?

Sri MANIKRAO PATIL.—Sir, it was alleged that they have demanded Rs. 5 per cup of tea. But in the course of investigation it has not been proved that they have demanded Rs. 5 per cup of tea.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—What was the complaint and what was the action taken ?

Sri MANIKRAO PATIL.—The complaint of the Harijans was that the hotel owner did not permit them to take tea along with other citizens. When the complaint was given to the Police Station, we have booked a case against all those persons.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅಸ್ಪೃಶ್ಯತಾ ನಿವಾರಣಾ ಕಾನೂನು ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೇಸನ್ನು ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹರಿಜನರನ್ನು ಹೋಟೆರ್ ಮಾಲೀಕರು ಮತ್ತು ಆ ಭಾಗದ ಕೆಲವು ಜನರು ಸೇರಿ ಹೋಟೆರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬರಕೂಡದು ಎಂದು ಬಡಿದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL.—That is why the Police have registered a case and the case is now pending trial.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಚ್. ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ್‌ನಾರಾಯಣ್.—ರಾಯಚೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಯಲಬುರ್ಗಿತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ 'ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ನಿವಾಸ' ಫಲಹಾರ ಮಂದಿರದವರು ಯಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ, ಫಕೀರಪ್ಪ, ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ವಿರೂಪಾಕ್ಷಪ್ಪ ಇವರನ್ನು ಹೊಡೆದದ್ದು ನಿಜವೇ ! ಅವರು ಹರಿಜನರು ಎನ್ನುವ ಹೆಸರಿಂದ ಹೊಡೆದದ್ದು ನಿಜವೇ ? ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಇದು ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಯೋಜಿಸಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಬಂದೋಬಸ್ತು ಮಾಡಿ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಿಸ್ತು ಪರಿಪಾಲನೆಗೆ ಒಂದು ಶಾಂತಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ವಿಶೇಷ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಂಥ ಅಸ್ಪೃಶ್ಯತಾ ಕಾನೂನು ಭಂಗ ಮಾಡಿದಂಥ ಕೇಸ್ ಯಾವುದು ?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL. —I have already stated as to why the Police have registered a case under the Untouchability Act. Government has denied only with respect to the rate of Rs. 5 per cup of tea stated to have been demanded by the hotel owner from the Harijans, and that has not been proved on investigation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಹರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಸ್ಥಾನಮಾನಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡದೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ಹೀನಾಯವಾಗಿ ಕಾಣುತ್ತಿರುವ ದೃಷ್ಟಾಂತಗಳು ಬೇಕಾದಷ್ಟು ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಶಿಕ್ಷೆ ಕೊಡುವ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಅಸ್ಪೃಶ್ಯತೆ ನಿವಾರಣೆಗೆ ವಿರೋಧವಾಗಿ ನಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅಂಥವರಿಗೆ ಭಡಿ ಪಟು ಕೊಡುವುದನ್ನೂ ಸೇರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ತೀವ್ರವಾದ ಉಗ್ರ ಶಿಕ್ಷೆ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL. —Sir, Government also equally Share the anxiety with regard to the practice of untouchability. That why we have already directed our officers that wherever such instances come to the notice of the local officers some deterrent action should be taken under the Untouchability Act.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಚ್. ಪುಟ್ಟರಂಗನಾಥ್.—(ಸಿ) ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಕೇಸಿನ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 'ಇ' ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ 'ನೊ' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಉತ್ತರ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಮಂಜಸವಾಗಿದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಈ ಕೇಸನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL.—Sir, both the cases are now pending trial before the Magistrate's Court. The question of investigation does not arise. We have stated that the allegation of the Harijans that the hotel owner has demanded Rs. 5 per cup of tea has not been proved during the course of investigation.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Is it not a fact that by saying that the allegation that they have paid Rs. 5 per cup of tea is reported to be not true, the very substance of the whole case is lost and this reply is given just to see that the case fails when the investigation is going on ?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL.—There is no question of investigation. Investigation is already over and both the cases are pending trial. Government has denied only the allegation of the Harijans that the hotel owner demanded Rs. 5 per cup of tea, because it has not been proved.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಚ್. ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ನಾರಾಯಣ.—'ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ನಿವಾಸ' ದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ವಿದೆಯೇ ? ಪ್ರವೇಶವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಕೂಡಲೇ ರದ್ದು ಮಾಡಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚಿಸುವುದಲ್ಲದೆ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಹೋಟಲುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಜನ ಗಿರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರವೇಶವಿಲ್ಲ ಅವನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಮುಚ್ಚಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL.—So far as licences to hotels are concerned, they are issued by the local bodies and Government has nothing to do with it. But where such cases are proved, Government will consider whether that hotel has to be closed and action is to be taken under some provisions of the Act.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎನ್. ನಂಜೇಗೌಡ.—ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ನಿಯೋಜಿಸಿ ಬಂದೋಬಸ್ತು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಟೆಲ್‌ನವರಿಗೆ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ಹರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ? ನಗಣ್ಯ ನೀರನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರೂವ್ ಆಯಿತೋ ಅಥವಾ ಅದು ಸುಳ್ಳು ಎಂದು ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿದೆಯೋ ?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL.—Sir, to avoid the breach of peace and to maintain law and order, we have made bandobast arrangements. Now the cases are before the Court, and therefore I cannot say anything at this stage.

Sri M. S KRISHNAN.—Sir, in answer to (*e*), the names of persons who were rediculed by throwing cowdung water on them, have been given. Now the Hon. Deputy Minister says that the matter is under investigation. May I know which is correct ?

Sri MANIK RAO PATIL.—Sir, I never said that the cases are under investigation. Cases have already been investigated and both the cases have been charge-sheeted. I do not know how the hon. Member is presuming like that.

Facilities provided to Journalists at Hadagali

7. Sri VATAL NAGARAJ (Chickpet).—

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Aland).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a group of Journalists had been to Hadagali, District Bellary on invitation to cover the Governor's function on 18th September 1970 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the group of Journalists were not treated well ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. As the press people who were expected at 8 P.M. on 17th September 1970, arrived at 3 A.M. an odd hour on 18th September 1970, arrangements made for the press people could not be availed by them.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know the names of the journalists who had gone there ?

† Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTY.—I do not have the names of the journalists. Some correspondents of some Dailies were there.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Is it a fact that the Hon. Deputy Minister has issued a statment to the Press expressing regret over the incident ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—It is a fact.